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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.
USA 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

RE: US Patent Application
Inventors: Jos J. Eggermont and Joseph C. Dort
Title: Detection of Acoustic Nerve Tumors

Applicant requests that the preliminary amendment be entered before the fee is calculated.

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge, in this application, to deposit account no. 12-0434, any amount required to be paid by the applicant for any step taken by the applicant during the pendency of this application. Applicant requests that any future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission be treated as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

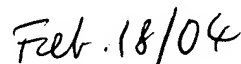
CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the complete set of claims beginning on page 2 of this communication. Claim 20 has been amended to avoid referencing multiple claims.

Respectfully,



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